

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 94

Commending the efforts of the Reverend Jesse Jackson to secure the release
of the soldiers held by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4, 1999

Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. GRAMM) submitted the following resolution;
which was ordered held at the desk

MAY 5, 1999

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the efforts of the Reverend Jesse Jackson to
secure the release of the soldiers held by the Federal
Republic of Yugoslavia.

Whereas on March 31, 1999, Staff Sergeant Andrew A. Ramirez, Staff Sergeant Christopher J. Stone, and Specialist Steven M. Gonzales were taken prisoner by the armed forces of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia while on patrol along the Macedonia-Yugoslav border;

Whereas Sergeant Ramirez, Sergeant Stone, and Specialist Gonzales conducted themselves throughout their ordeal with dignity, patriotism, and faith;

Whereas the Reverend Jesse Jackson led a delegation of religious leaders to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia that

succeeded in negotiating the release of Sergeant Ramirez, Sergeant Stone, and Specialist Gonzales; and

Whereas the Reverend Jesse Jackson has previously succeeded in securing the release of hostages held in Syria, Cuba, and Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Senate commends the Reverend Jesse
3 Jackson for his successful efforts in securing the re-
4 lease of Sergeant Ramirez, Sergeant Stone, and Spe-
5 cialist Gonzales, and for his leadership and actions
6 arising from his deep faith in God; and

7 (2) the Senate joins the families of Sergeant
8 Ramirez, Sergeant Stone, and Specialist Gonzales in
9 expressing relief and joy at their safe release.

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